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Applicant: ITOH et al. Conf.: 3463
Appl. No.: 09/857,308 Group: 1642
Filed: June 1, 2001 Examiner: C. H. YAEN
For: NOVEL TUMOR ANTIGEN PROTEIN ART-1 AND
TUMOR ANTIGEN PEPTIDES THEREOF

REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

November 4, 2002

Sir:

In reply to the Restriction Requirement dated October 2, 2002, the following remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

REMARKS

Claims 1-28 are pending in the present application.

The Examiner has required election in the present application between:

Group I, claims 1-4, 7-8, 18 and 20, drawn to a DNA encoding a protein, a pharmaceutical composition comprising as an active ingredient DNA, and a recombinant DNA;

Group II, claims 5-19 and 28, drawn to a process for producing a recombinant protein, a tumor antigen peptide, a